

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the instant application.

1-23. (canceled)

24. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 1 to 131 of SEQ ID NO:966.

25. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 24 which comprises amino acid residues 2 to 131 of SEQ ID NO:966.

26. (New) The polypeptide of claim 24 which comprises a heterologous polypeptide sequence.

27. (New) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 24 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

cont'd 28. (New) An isolated protein produced by the method comprising:
(a) expressing the polypeptide of claim 24 by a cell; and
(b) recovering said protein.

29. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to amino acid residues 1 to 131 of SEQ ID NO:966, wherein said polypeptide is capable of generating an antibody that specifically binds to a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1 to 131 of SEQ ID NO:966.

30. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 29 wherein said polypeptide sequence is at least 95% identical to amino acid residues 1 to 131 of SEQ ID NO:966.

31. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 29 which comprises a heterologous polypeptide sequence.

32. (New) A composition comprising the isolated polypeptide of claim 29 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

33. (New) An isolated protein produced by the method comprising:

- (a) expressing the polypeptide of claim 29 by a cell; and
- (b) recovering said protein.

34. (New) An isolated polypeptide consisting of a fragment of SEQ ID NO:966, wherein said fragment at least 30 contiguous amino acid residues in length.

35. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 34 wherein said fragment is at least 50 contiguous amino acid residues in length.

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37. (New) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 34 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

38. (New) An isolated protein produced by the method comprising:

- (a) expressing the polypeptide of claim 34 by a cell; and
- (b) recovering said protein.